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LOCAL SCHOOLS TO HAVE MAYOR'S SERVICES

DAYTON, Ohio, September 17, 1982 -- Students at Sinclair Community College, Wright State University, and the University of Dayton will be seeing more of Dayton's mayor -- in the classroom. Through a newly-created Joint Lectureship on Urban Issues, announced today by the three universities, undergraduate and graduate students at the three schools will get a first-hand look at the problems and opportunities of governing today's cities.

Dayton's mayor will be available to the three area schools to teach classes on urban affairs, lecture on issues facing the City, participate in seminars on urban policy and planning, advise students on urban design projects, and assist the faculties in the design of urban research projects. Dayton Mayor Paul Leonard will initiate his lectureship duties this fall with an undergraduate/graduate course entitled "Governing Cities" at Wright State University.

The lectureship is being financed through a \$20,000 fund established with contributions committed by more than a dozen area businesses and several labor unions. The fund raising is being coordinated by Sherrill W. Hudson, managing partner of Deloitte Haskins and Sells. According to Hudson, the organizations assisting with the establishment of the lectureship are all convinced of its value to the area as well as to the universities. "The students of these institutions will have a somewhat unusual opportunity to look at issues with the City's highest elected official. A mayor cannot provide the foundation of a

student's education in government, but he can certainly add a dimension to it."

Hudson continued, "The excitement of a student project for which the mayor is the mentor will certainly spill over into these students' interest in and appreciation of cities and their governance. Hopefully, those of us in business and labor will, in this way, encourage some of today's brightest students to pursue professional careers which address urban issues -- issues which all of us face together in Dayton."

Coordination of the mayor's participation in the academic programs of the three schools will be the responsibility of Dr. Ned Sifferlen, vice president for instruction at Sinclair, Dr. James Walker, acting chairman of the Department of Political Science at Wright State, and Dr. Francis Lazarus, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UD.

"The creation of jobs, the provision of services to neighborhoods, regional cooperation, policymaking and planning for long-range economic and social development are issues which Dayton faces which are not unique," noted UD President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., speaking for the presidents of the schools.

"The students will not be learning only about local issues and local methodology. Dayton is an excellent laboratory in which to learn about today's cities and their governance. The lectureship will help to assure that our laboratory is always in use."

Dayton Mayor Paul Leonard, an attorney and former state representative, is not unfamiliar with his role as teacher. Leonard has previously taught and developed courses in government and criminal justice at Wright State University. His first course in the new Joint Lectureship will meet on Tuesday, September 21, at 2:00 p.m. at Wright State. Leonard will continue his law practice in Dayton.